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FLUORIDATION FOLLY

ARE YOU FORCED TO DRINK RAT POISON?

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A tremendous drive is on to fluoridate water supplies of the nation. U.S. Public Health Service and American Dental Assn. front for the powers-behind-the-scenes. Their support helps persuade many other organizations to endorse, and work for installing equipment that injects deadly poisonous fluorides (usually sodium fluoride) at water-works plants into water supplies. The excuse is that fluoridated drinking water helps cut down dental decay in children, and thus will benefit their health all their lives. To oppose fluoridation therefore puts such opponents in the unenviable category of meanies who are against children's welfare.

Despite this emotional disadvantage, with powerful organizations such as governmental agencies, societies, chambers of commerce, and most of press, radio and TV, with many millions of dollars to influence the public, the power of truth is demonstrated in the fact that pro-fluoridationists admit a losing battle. Witness President of ADA Dr. Chas. H. Patton complaining that at Nov. 8, 1960 polls, only 5 towns with 40,000 population approved fluoridation, while 1,000,000 people in 29 counties in 11 states defeated it.

Under date of Feb. 1961, Changing Times in The Kiplinger Magazine, published in Washington D.C. admits:

"Anti-fluoridation forces apparently are winning the battle over treatment of water to check tooth decay. About four out of five communities turned down the idea last year in public referendums, a development that has caused dejection in the fluoridation camp. U.S. Public Health Service figures indicate a decrease in cavities, particularly among children, in communities which have been using the fluoridated water."

Since those admissions, the drive to fluoridate has been stepped up. National Broadcasting Company (headed by Russian-born Jew David Sarnoff, and son Robert) stages two nationwide programs purporting to debate both sides of fluoridation controversy on Feb. 7, and Feb. 18, 1961. Pro-fluoridationist Dave Garroway devotes his 7 to 8 AM program on Channel 4 at Denver Colo to a one-sided misnamed "debate" between Dr. A. Allen London (against) and a doctor or dentist whose name I did not get (for). The "debate" was broken up during the hour program so that little actual time was given to Dr. London to present arguments against fluoridation.

The TV shots were taken at Jewett City, Conn., where citizens are to vote on whether to fluoridate their public water supply. Televised a pro-fluoridation committee meeting, giving speakers opportunity to advance reasons for fluoridation. Featured Dr. Ast of Newburgh N.Y. who purported to give benefits enjoyed by children at this one



Above you see an actual photograph of a man placing fluorine in the water supply of some unsuspecting community. Fluorine is such a deadly poison that it would be fatal to come in contact with it. There is a plan to put it in your drinking water if it is not already there. Are you aware of this? If not, you better investigate and do something about it immediately.

of first cities to fluoridate their water supplies (in 1945). Dr. Ast never mentioned that over 10% of children's teeth are mottled, a sign of fluoride poisoning. Dave Garroway tried to explain why they had no pictures of anti-fluoridation meetings. Had shots of few persons questioned on the streets, where several expressed doubts as to desirability of fluoridation. Garroway did admit that 48 out of 53 towns had turned down fluoridation at the polls. He also expressed surprise that the pro-fluoridationist doctor refused to debate with anti-fluoridationist Dr. London. This proponent emphasized so many societies have endorsed fluoridation, therefore there was nothing to debate. Painted picture of opponents as being vicious. To give an idea of the atmosphere in this misnamed "debate", a TV shot was made of a building with a Nazi Swastika splashed on it. Denied fluoridation was a Communist Plot. Hence the idea was planted that anyone opposing fluoridation was a Nazi. That opposition is highly organized, as claimed by pro-fluoridationists, was disproved when they admitted no TV shots of anti-fluoridationist meetings could be obtained.

In the few minutes allowed to Dr. London he questioned reliability of pro-fluoridationist "statistics." Pointed out that at Philadelphia, where claimed benefits already enjoyed by school children were attributed to their drinking fluoridated water, their "statistics" ignored such vital facts as vastly increased number of treatments of children's teeth by dental clinics since water was fluoridated. Such "statistics" also ignored the facts that schools had stopped selling candy to children; had also stopped peddlers outside of school buildings. To sum it up, this N.B.C. purported "debate" on desirability of fluoridation was about 80% for and only 20% against.

Illustrating further the one-sided presentation of the fluoridation controversy, the featured N.B.C. 30 minutes nationwide "NATION'S FUTURE" telecast (at Denver Colo. on Channel 4 at 7:30 to 8 PM) on Feb. 18, 1961, was followed at some cities by local NATION'S FUTURE programs, thus proving that a highly organized effort was made to sell American voters on fluoridation, in anticipation of voting to take place this spring, thruout the nation. As on the Garroway telecast, opponents of fluoridation were made out to be "crackpots", if not worse. In the Denver local NATION'S FUTURE 30 minutes program following the nationwide telecast, the same tactic was employed.

On the nationwide telecast, anti-fluoridationist Mayor Wm. B. Hartsfield of Atlanta Ga. was pitted against Mayor S. J. Davis of Grand Rapids Mich. They read prepared 3-minute statements, and then followed exchange in which Mayor Davis became increasingly abusive, constantly interrupting Mayor Hartsfield when he tried to present facts against fluoridation. Finally, Mayor Hartsfield heatedly objected to being called a "crackpot". The audience at first seemingly was packed for Mayor Davis, but apparently his tactics helped sway the applause for Mayor Hartsfield, towards the end of the misnamed "debate". Indicative of tactics employed, in question period a Columbia University professor tried to discredit Mayor Hartsfield who was better equipped in the give-and-take exchanges. Also, Mayor Davis read a telegram from Atlanta Dental Society to effect that Mayor Hartsfield did not represent the citizens of Atlanta. Mayor Hartsfield exploded that he had been in